

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John S. Ausilio

Serial No.: 09/896,083

Examiner: Wilson, L.

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Group Art Unit: 3723



For: MODULAR SYSTEM AND FIXTURE FOR POSITIONING  
AND CLAMPING A WORKPIECE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

This amendment under Rule 312 is being submitted in order to have prior art that was timely submitted to the Patent Office made of record in the above-identified application prior to payment of the issue fee.

More particularly, the present application was filed by express mail on June 29, 2001. On September 13, 2001, (less than three (3) months from the filing date of the instant application) Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) citing twelve (12) prior art references, most of which had been discussed in the Background of the Invention portion of the present application. Attached is a copy of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement submission, including a transmittal letter and a statement by Applicant, both bearing a properly signed and dated certificate under 37 CFR §1.8(a) identifying the submission date of the IDS as September 13, 2001, and including a form PTO-1449, identifying the submitted references.

On September 24, 2001 a Notice of Allowance was issued for the present application citing numerous references, but not many of the references disclosed in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant's undersigned Attorney contacted Examiner L. Wilson regarding the status of the IDS on October 1, 2001.

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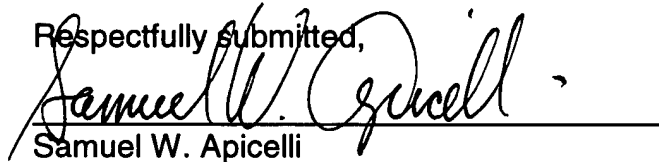
Examiner Wilson recommend that an Amendment under Rule 312 be filed to bring this issue to his attention.

Applicant is requesting that the above-identified application be returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on the 13th of September, and the reissuance of the Notice of Allowance with those references identified by the Applicant being made of record in the case.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 717-237-5516.

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Respectfully submitted,



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